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Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee
Fourteenth meeting
Rome, 17–21 September 2018
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1
Opening of the meeting

1. The fourteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, from 17 to 21 September 2018. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Estefania Moreira (Brazil), at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 17 September 2018. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee will meet in closed session from 9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. to review issues pertaining to conflicts of interest.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2
Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee will have before it a scenario note for the meeting, prepared by the Chair (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/1), and a tentative schedule for the meeting, prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/2).

5. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups, as necessary, and specify their mandates.

Item 3
Rotation of the membership

6. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the newly appointed Committee members and forthcoming rotation of the membership in May 2020 (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/1.

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Item 4
Technical work

(a) Consideration of a draft risk profile on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds

7. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on a draft risk profile on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/2); on additional information related to the draft risk profile on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/4); and on a compilation of comments and responses on the draft risk profile on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/5). The chair of the intersessional working group on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and in the presentation and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/2.

(b) Consideration of a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (CAS No: 335-67-1, PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

8. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat containing a further assessment of information on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (CAS No: 335-67-1, PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds) prepared by the intersessional working group on PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/3); on note (ii) of part I of Annex A to the Convention and the scope of the reference to stockpiles within Article 6 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/6); and on a compilation of comments and responses relating to the draft assessment (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/7). The chair of the intersessional working group will be invited to present the draft assessment. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and in the presentation and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/3.

(c) Process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention

9. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/4); on a draft report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/8); and on a draft report on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF as set out in document (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/9). The chair of the intersessional working group on PFOS, its salts and PFOSF will be invited to present the draft report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the document and in the presentation and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/4.

Item 5
Report on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee

10. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/10). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note.

Item 6
Workplan for the intersessional period between the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Committee

11. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on a draft workplan for the intersessional period between the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/5). The Committee may wish to consider the draft workplan and adopt it with any amendments.

Item 7
Venue and date of the fifteenth meeting of the Committee

12. The Committee may wish to consider and decide on the venue and date of its fifteenth meeting.

Item 8
Other matters

13. The Committee may wish to consider the outlines for risk profiles[1] and risk management evaluations[2] and discuss the ways in which the information in those documents and the recommendations of the Committee could be presented more effectively to Parties and observers while ensuring conformity with requirements pertaining to document length and translation. The Committee had planned to discuss the matter at its thirteenth meeting, but in the interests of time, it had agreed to defer the discussion to its fourteenth meeting. The outlines referred to above can be found in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/11, which was made available to the Committee at its thirteenth meeting.

14. The Committee may also wish to take note of the updates to the work on "From Science to Action" (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.14/INF/11).

15. The Committee may also wish to consider any other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting.

Item 9
Adoption of the report

16. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 10
Closure of the meeting

17. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Friday, 21 September 2018.

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[1] UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10, annex IV.

[2] UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/20, annex II.